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SUBJECT: THE DEPARTING PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR SCORES "OCCUPATION" OF  
PANAMA BY "FOREIGN TROOPS"

1. IN FAREWELL CEREMONY AT FOREIGN MINISTRY APRIL 13, FOLLOWING  
AWARD OF USUAL DECORATION AND PROTOCOLARY REMARKS BY FOREIGN  
MINISTER SILVEIRA, DEPARTING PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR JORGE EMILIO  
CASTRO BENDIBURG (WHO IS TO BECOME MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND  
JUSTICE OF HIS COUNTRY) SPOKE OF PANAMA AS "A COUNTRY OF SMALL SIZE  
BUT OF GREAT SPIRIT OF STRUGGLE, WHICH YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW,  
CONTINUES AND WILL CONTINUE STRUGGLING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF  
PART OF ITS TERRITORY WHICH, TO THE SHAME OF AMERICA AND  
OF PEOPLE OF DIGNITY, IS OCCUPIED BY FOREIGN TROOPS,  
(A FACT) WHICH WOUNDS THE DIGNITY, NOT ONLY OF PANAMA BUT OF ALL  
THE COUNTRIES OF AMERICA. THE OCCASION SERVES TO RECOGNIZE THE  
ENCOURAGEMENT AND INCITIVE THAT WE HAVE PERCEIVED ON THE PART  
OF EXCELENTISSIMO PRESIDENT ERNESTO GEISEL AND OF THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, BECAUSE THEY, AS GREAT  
BRAZILIAN NATIONALISTS, UNDERSTAND THE STRUGGLE WHICH THE  
PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA ARE CARRYING OUT FOR  
THE REDEMPTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OF THE CANAL ZONE."

2. REMARKS WHICH WERE DISTRIBUTED VERBATIM BY ITAMARATY, RECEIVED  
VERY SCANT COVERAGE IN THE BRAZILIAN PRESS FOLLOWING  
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DAY, LIMITED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO SIMPLE REPORT

WITHOUT COMMENT IN SHORT INSIDE STORIES. ONE PAPER BILLED  
REMARKS AS "APPEAL" TO BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES TO  
"SENSITIZE THEMSELVES" TO PANAMANIAN CLAIMS AND ANOTHER  
CALLED THE SPEECH "INCISIVE" AND SAID "IT SURPRISED BRAZILIAN  
DIPLOMATS (WHO ARE) ACCUSTOMED TO LESS VIGOROUS TEXTS."  
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